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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Masahiro SAITOU et al.

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EXAMINER: MERCADO

FOR:

SEPARATOR OF PROTON EXCHANGE FUEL CELL AND ITS MANUFACTURING METHOD

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

It is hereby requested that a one month extension of time be granted to December 28, 2003 for

filing a response to the Official Action dated: August 28, 2003
responding to the requirements in the Notice of Allowability dated:
filing the Formal Drawings. The Issue Fee due has been timely filed.
responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated:
filing a Notice of Appeal. A timely response to the final rejection, due has been filed.
filing an Appeal Brief. A Notice of Appeal was filed on:
Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown below is reduced by one-half.

The required fee of \$110.00 is enclosed herewith by check and any further charges may be made against the Attorney of Record's Deposit Account No. <u>15-0030</u>. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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